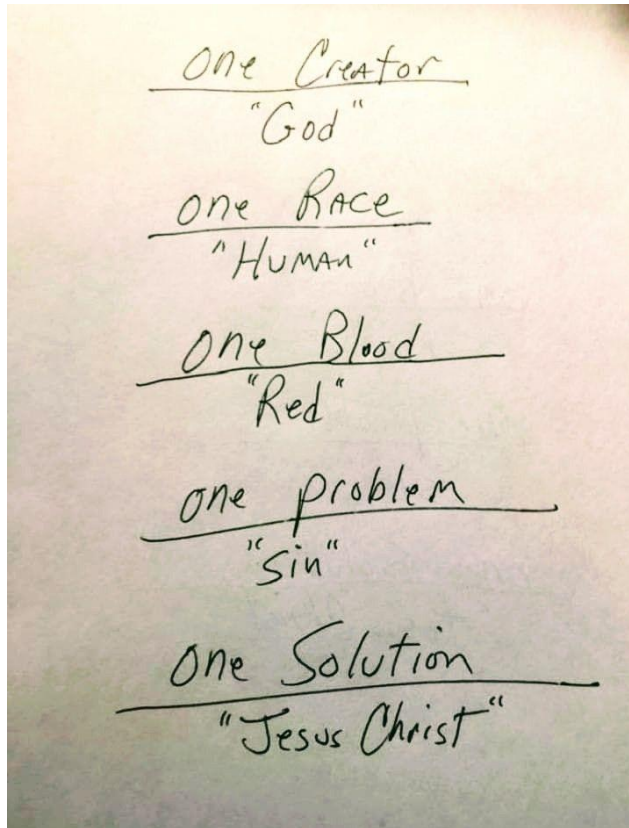


# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



## **PART III:**

### **"The Problem of Sin and the Solution for Humanity"**

**Order of Worship March 10, 2024 | 10 AM**

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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# **Welcome to God's House!**

*The Mission of Gloria Dei is Caring. Sharing. Serving. Reaching.*

*We strive to be the local church in the community of Northeast Minneapolis, who are here to help people come to KNOW Jesus, GROW in their faith and GO into the world equipped to SERVE others. GLORY TO GOD!*

**Today's Topic:** Sin is a struggle, and no matter where we are in our Christian walks, we will always encounter temptations; but the Lord is our Helper.

*A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any assistance to you, please speak with the Pastor after the service or via the church office. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week. We look forward to seeing you again.*

**Is there something you'd like us to pray for today?** If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in each pew. They will be added to the Prayer list. You can hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will be given to the Pastor to be included in the prayers for today. **Other prayer requests can be made by contacting the church office at 612.781.1989.**

**Children are welcome in worship!**

**The Lord's Supper is celebrated.**

When we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ,

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. e.

*You have heard of Jesus, but do you know him? Join us for Bible Study*

- Wednesday, March 13 at 11 am for mid-week service and bible study, followed by fellowship.
- Thursday, March 14 at 5:30 pm bible study featuring "Knowing the Bible – Ephesians."

*Everyone is Welcome!*

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

**AS WE GATHER:** Absolute freedom is knowing that we have escaped the consequences of sin because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. He broke the chains of sin, restored our relationship with the Father and gave us eternal life.

*+ CONNECT +*

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SOLO**

**"Untitled Hymn"**

**Daniel Carlson**

**INVOCATION**

**L:** Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF OUR SINS**

**L:** Let us confess our sins unto Heavenly Father who truly loves us.

**C:** **Merciful Father, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED**

*+ NURTURE +*

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.  
When perils o'er-take us, You will not forsake us,  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us;  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

**OLD TESTAMENT READING****Genesis 3:8-15**

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING****Romans 6:1-3, 12-14*****Dead to Sin, Alive to God***

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL****John 3:16-17**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

***For God So Loved the World***

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**SONG OF THE DAY****"There is a Redeemer"****LSB 971***Text and Music © 1982 Birdwing Music, Admin EMI*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

**Refrain: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

**Refrain**

When I stand in glory, I will see His face, and  
There I'll serve my King forever, In that holy place.

**Refrain**

## MESSAGE

Pastor Matthew Cephus

### Part III: "The Problem of Sin and the Solution for Humanity"

#### CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

+ *EMPOWER* +

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)*

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**L:** It is our duty and delight at all times and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have enlightened us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Grant that the Spirit, who has called and gathered us, would guide us in all things, that we be enabled to speak the Gospel to others and rejoice in sharing the gift of salvation that is our treasure. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take this, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you, Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

**LSB 575**

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness  
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

**Refrain**

His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

**Refrain**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!

**Refrain**

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*+ Silent Prayer +*

## **POSTLUDE**

*+ WE DEPART TO SERVE +*

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## **ORDER YOUR EASTER GARDEN FLOWERS TODAY!!**

Easter Sunday is March 31 and Gloria Dei will be putting together an Easter Garden to be displayed in front of the Church for the Easter service. Deadline for ordering is **TODAY, Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**. The sign-up sheet is posted on the entryway bulletin board. As always, you can bring in your own flowers too!

10" Pansy Bowl	\$13.00
6" Easter Lily	\$9.50
6" Asiatic Lily (Yellow, Orange, Pink)	\$9.50
6" Azaleas (Pink, White, Bicolor-Pink/White)	\$21.00
6" Hydrangea (Blue, Pink)	\$23.00
6" Tulip (Yellow, Purple, Pink, Orange)	\$8.00
6" Mum (Yellow, White, Purple)	\$10.00



## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

**3/10 Sun**

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**10:00 am** **Worship with Holy Communion, Pastor M. Cephus**  
11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service  
3:00 pm Alpha Class  
6:00 pm NA  
7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)  
7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

**3/11 Mon**

**3/13 Wed**

**11:00 am** **Mid-Week Service and Bible Study w/Fellowship**

**3/14 Thurs**

**5:30 pm** **Thursday Evening Bible Study "Ephesians"**

**3/15 Fri**

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

**3/16 Sat**

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

4:00 pm Living Word Board Meeting

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

**3/17 Sun**

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

**10:00 am** **Worship with Holy Communion, Pastor M. Cephus**  
11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service  
3:00 pm Alpha Class  
6:00 pm NA

### SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Reading: Karmon Christopherson**

**Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann**

**Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris**

**Attendance 3/03/2024: 31**

*If you haven't already, it's time to move your chocks ahead!*

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins at 2 am on Sunday (TODAY), March 10<sup>th</sup>.

REMEMBER TO "SPRING AHEAD" BY SETTING YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BY ONE HOUR.

**TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**  
**NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**March 10**

**"All Bets Are Off"**

**(Mark 11)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us.

**NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**March 17**

**"The Strangest Request"**

**(Genesis 22:1-14)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe

God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**STEWARDSHIP:** *Lent 4*

Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn't doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord's free salvation given to us to the good works He's prepared for us, everything is a gift of God's grace.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

“With gentleness and respect, we witness to our faith in Jesus so that others will come to believe in Him and eagerly await His return. All who confess Jesus as Lord look forward to His Second Coming with a joy far greater than idle mirth. We are encouraged as we remind each other that our Savior is coming back, and we pray that He would ‘hear and grant our fervent plea.’ Come, Lord Jesus!” *Dr. Carol Geisler – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This Is the Life. This week's episode is **"Who will tell Lauria?"** A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jacob Eichers from Faith Lutheran Church in La Crosse, WI, presenting a message titled **"Reconciled to God, Suffering with Hope"** based on **Romans 5:1–11**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** OPEN

**FLOWERS:** OPEN

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Robert & Delores Kluwe, Larry Schlais and all our shut-ins

**Wade Billmeyer**, continued thoughts and prayers as he works through making a decision for surgery on benign brain tumor, received a second surgeon's opinion.

**Pastor Jim Gullickson** (Sandy Westling's friend) hospitalized after stroke. Paralyzed on left side, feeding tube (unable to swallow food). Prayers for recovery; he will need a lot of PT, OT and Speech Therapy.

**John** (Meridel and Patty's brother) transplanted kidney issues, continued prayers

**Butch Morelli** – Blocked carotid artery, surgery postponed; continued prayers

**Amy Rich** (Morelli's DnL) – ongoing treatment after successful surgery for breast cancer

**Nonie Wakeman** (Shirley Slagle's SnL) diagnosed with Lung Cancer

**Karen** (Karmon's sister) Recently diagnosed with cancer (Warren's wife)

**James Norman, Sr.** (James' dad) Being treated for Stage 4 cancer

**Kurt Nowacki** (Bruce & Julie Cross' Brother-in-Law) recently diagnosed with 'myopathy,' a degenerative muscle disease

**Bruce** (Wenda Schwoch's BiL has stage 4 prostate cancer and **Ashley** (Wenda's niece) continued prayers

**John** (Karmon/Meridel SnL) has been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), prayers for good results on continued cancer treatments

**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues, pacemaker implanted, continued prayers

**Warren** (Karmon's BnL) Receiving chemo and radiation for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

**Ty** (Wade Billmeyer's Friend of a friend) continued prayers

**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

**For First Responders/Health Care Workers**, including James Norman, an ICU nurse

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS**

NOTE: Those "in our extend prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.

## Easter Services

**Palm Sunday**, March 24 Worship Service, 10 am

**Maundy Thursday**, March 28 Worship Service, 5:30 pm

**Good Friday**, March 29 Worship Service, 5:30 pm

**Easter Sunday**, March 31 Joint Worship Service, 11 am with guest Pastor William Utech

## Gloria Dei Annual Kitchen Clean-Up

Tuesday, March 19 beginning at 9:30 am

Bring a bucket and gloves "*Many Hands Make Light Work*" Nehemiah 3  
Sign-up on the bulletin board in the lobby; Coffee will be on; see you there!

## **March is Minnesota FoodShare Month!**

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) is kicking off its annual March Campaign. You can help by bringing in food donations to fill our cart! During the month of February Glori Dei donated 103 pounds of food and hygiene products. All donations go directly to The Salvation Army Central food shelf, located at 2727 Central Ave NE Minneapolis, including any monetary contributions, to help restock their shelves.

Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine, white and brown rice. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items. The Salvation Army staff appreciates your efforts to help in the fight against hunger!

## **Drivers In Demand!**

Do you have a little daytime flexibility? ***Help At Your Door***, a nonprofit serving seniors and individuals with disabilities, needs volunteer drivers throughout the Twin Cities Metro area. Help provide the keys to independence as a volunteer driver by transporting seniors to errands and appointments using your car. Drive as little as two times per month or as often as you'd like. You choose the rides based on your own schedule and geographic area. Rides are given weekdays only. Enjoy the companionship of seniors and the knowledge that you are providing an essential service for those who cannot get around on their own.

**Not interested in driving?** Help At Your Door has many other ways you can help, from calling seniors for their grocery orders from your home to assisting with light cleaning and organization. Contact 651-642-1892, email [carolyn@helpatyourdoor.org](mailto:carolyn@helpatyourdoor.org) or visit [helpatyourdoor.org](http://helpatyourdoor.org) to learn more.

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